31 December 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: PP/OPS

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SUBJECT:

Daily Progress Report for Tuesday. 30 December 1952

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Athens reports that W/T contact was re-established on 27 December the the 4-man Apple Team which has been operating northeast of Tirana since May 1952 and which had not been heard from since 13 December. The mission of this team is to contact known anti-Communists with the aim of establishing penetrations of the armed and security forces and the government apparatus, to exfiltrate ten or twelve men to be used as agents for future missions, and to collect general intelligence. Athens informed the team that a new W/T operator will be dropped with supplies and medicines between 3 and 7 January 1953, to relieve the injured W/T operator who is now with the team and who is seriously ill. The team were instructed to confirm dates and the drop sone, and, in addition, were told that they may withdraw at their discretion to a safehouse in Yugoslavia for temporary refuge if they found it impossible to remain safely with the injured man at their present location. (IN-24456 - 30 December 1952; Apple Team last reported in Daily Log for Monday, 29 September 1952)

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